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Memorandum for Messrs. Greer  
Henson  
Holtzman  
Pepples  
Stevens  
Witt

Re: Kupper/Janis/Greenberg Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to review the work of Drs. Kupper, Janis and Greenberg over the past few years and to recommend support of that work as a special project for a one year period commencing July 1, 1982.

Between March 1979 and June 1981, the Committee of Counsel approved funding in the total amount of \$25,300 primarily to support the doctoral research of Dr. Joseph Janis relating to statistical analysis of lung cancer mortality trends in the United States. During that time, Dr. Janis worked under the aegis of Drs. Lawrence Kupper and Bernard Greenberg in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in examining the thesis that there is a cohort effect on lung cancer mortality, as earlier described by Langston in the United States and Springett in the United Kingdom.

As an extension of that work, Drs. Kupper, Janis and Greenberg submitted a proposal to the CTR in 1981 entitled

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"Verification of a Statistical Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of Lung Cancer" which was approved and funded in the amount of \$98,228 for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982.

During the past year, Drs. Kupper, Janis and Greenberg have made substantial progress in their work. The project team has applied new techniques to the statistical analysis of lung cancer mortality trends and has confirmed the existence of a "high risk" birth cohort in lung cancer. Drs. Kupper and Janis have presented the results of their work at various scientific sessions including annual meetings of the American Public Health Association, the American Statistical Association and the Society for Epidemiologic Research; they have also been invited to make a presentation at the Thirteenth International Cancer Congress to be held in Seattle in September. Further, Dr. Kupper's work in this area has enabled him to obtain many of the insights contained in the statement which he submitted during the recent Waxman and Hatch/Packwood hearings, a copy of which is attached.

Earlier this year Dr. Kupper, as principal investigator, applied to the CIR for a second year of support commencing July 1, 1982. The proposal was extremely ambitious and sought funding in the amount of \$273,195. Dr. Kupper was recently advised by the CIR that the application has been turned down.

Drs. Kupper and Janis have formulated a "bare bones" budget intended to allow the project to continue during the period July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983. The budget totals \$90,700. The project team has sufficient funds on hand - approximately \$10,000 - to sustain their work only through the end of July, with no other source of funding immediately available. Thus, in order to continue their work through June 30, 1983, Drs. Kupper, Janis and Greenberg require additional funding in the amount of \$80,700 as detailed on the attached budget.

We have discussed this matter with Dr. Sommers and he strongly supports the continuation of this research as a special project.

We recommend funding the work of Drs. Kupper, Janis and Greenberg as a special project for a one-year period commencing July 1, 1982 in the amount of \$80,700. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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